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**GOD'S LOVE**

*Jesus Will Never Forsake Us*

When in saddest hours we wonder,  
When in trouble toil and tear,  
When in grief and pain and sorrow,  
Jesus knows our every care.  
When we're lonely, broken-hearted,  
Needing just a word of cheer;  
I know One we can depend on,  
One who knows our every care.  
But when earthly friends forsake us  
And there's no one to defend;  
Jesus says, I'll ne'er forsake thee  
But go with you to the end.  
In the midst of earthly trials,  
Jesus whispers, Do not fear;  
Onward go then, loyal soldiers,  
Knowing that the Lord is near.  
May we then press on with courage,  
And our loved ones try to gain,  
That with Christ our blessed Savior  
We a thousand years may reign.  
When our race down here is ended,  
This is all I have to say;  
We shall meet the ones who helped us  
All along this dreary way.

—By Geneva Dayton, assisted by Rev. L. M. Burchett.

THE GROUND OF



Psa. 27:10, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."

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# NOTICES

From the Field

Those having old tracts, Evangels, soiled books, Bibles or any good literature, I will appreciate your sending it to me.—J. B. Weeks, Rt. 2, Jesup, Ga.

My address for this Assembly year is Box 81, Daisy, Tenn.—T. A. Richard.

We, the Church of God at Freedom, Tex., are over the top with our ten cents aged ministers' quota. — Mrs. Rutha Mitchell, clerk, Emory, Tex.

I am going out in the evangelistic work this winter. Anyone wanting a meeting can get in touch with me at this address: 408 Quitman St., c/o Donald James, Dayton, Ohio.—Albert Heaston.

My address has been changed from Box 357, Dalton, Ga., to Gen. Del., Columbus, Ga.—J. L. McCoy.

The Somerset, Pa., district convention will convene at Manns Choice, Pa., Friday evening, Nov. 29, through Sunday, Dec. 1. We are looking forward to the greatest convention ever held on this district. Come on, pastors and laity, let's put our shoulder to the wheel and ask God to help us this year. We are expecting visitors from all over the state to be with us. Miss Ora Mae Ruff of Texas will be one of the evening speakers, along with our district preachers and Brother Paul H. Walker, our state overseer. We also expect Brother Brady Dennis, our state evangelist, to be with us.—Wm. F. Morris, district pastor.

As I have been appointed district overseer of the Carrollton, Ga., district, I take this method to notify all the churches on this district that I am ready to help you in any way I can. I ask each pastor to please give me your address so I can notify your church when I will be around to see you. Let's be one hundred per cent for the Church and teachings.—W. W. Ball, 404 Goodyear St., Rockmart, Ga.

The churches and ministers of New England are hereby requested to look forward to and pray for the annual ministers' convention for the Church of God in Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Eastern Canada, which will convene at 228 Federal St., Portland, Me., beginning 7:30 p. m., Monday evening, Nov. 18, continuing through the 19th.

All ministers and church workers are especially urged to attend this conference so that we may discuss those issues that are of so much importance to us and the progress of the Church of God in our territory. Plans are now under way for your entertainment, so don't fail, ministers, we are counting on you.—J. Stewart Brinsfield, 37 St. Lawrence St., Portland, Me.

Georgia district overseers, take notice: Inasmuch as the state is new to me and I have had very little acquaintance with our people over the state, and as I want to see as many of them as early as possible, I am outlining a "get-acquainted tour." We are giving only the names of districts and dates when we will be there. I will expect you, as a district overseer, to plan the place and program for the meeting and make some announcements to the people on your district. You will see that we have given only one day to the district but we hope to visit many of the pastors and at least take a look at

Brothers D. J. Cupp and David Shepherd of Kentucky.—Albert McBride, Box 265, Cocoa, Fla.

My address for this Assembly year is 1316 Shelby St., Bristol, Tenn.—J. A. Bixler.

My new address is 2411 28th Pl., N. Birmingham, Ala.—Clay M. Day.

This is to notify the pastors and clerks of the Church of God in Delaware, D. C., Maryland, and East Virginia to make all reports by the third of each month. Send your mission money to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary, and send the state mission to W. H. Maxwell, 400 Robbns St., Cambridge, Md. The Y. P. E. and Sunday School reports go to Alva Mae McClure, 607 South St., Easton, Md. The state overseer's reports should be mailed to Rev. W. J. Milligan, Box 297, Cambridge, Md. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.—W. J. Milligan, state overseer.

## GROUND IS BROKEN FOR THE NEW CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

The excavation for the boys' new home, which is to be built on the highway between Cleveland and Chattanooga, is now well under way. The well to supply water for the home has been drilled. Only a few more days and the beautiful structure, as designed by the orphanage committee, with the assistance of Rutherford and Painter, architects, will begin to show itself on the beautiful hill looking across one quarter of a mile of level plains from the highway. It has been stated by many of the Church of God preachers, as well as local business men, that this is one of the most beautiful locations to be found anywhere in this part of the country. A tremendous outlay of money will be necessary to complete this beautiful structure and provide adequate accommodations for our orphan boys, but each of us will want to have a part in it. Remember the "Pictorial Review and Annual" gotten out to give our members and friends special information of the history and work of the orphanage. Each church should have a large supply of these and sell them, not only to the church members, but to the business men and other friends of the Church. In so doing you will be able to aid in this way the construction of this nice building. Again we call attention to the SPECIAL COUPON DRIVE. The special bonus campaign ends the first of January and all must work hard to try to make this the largest shipment of coupons that we have ever made. The orphanage has greatly benefited from this courtesy heretofore extended and it is to be believed that by it we can further increase our help. Remember that this is a financial burden on no one, but a loving service in which children as well as adults can participate. Remember the orphans!

your church house. Let us pray that the Lord will meet with us in a great way.

Albany, Nov. 11; Valdosta, Nov. 12; Waycross, Nov. 13; Jesup, Nov. 14; Hazlehurst, Nov. 15; McRae, Nov. 16; Cobbtown, Nov. 17, 2:00 p. m.; LaFayette, Nov. 20; Dalton, Nov. 21; Calhoun, Nov. 22; Rome, Nov. 23, 11:00 a. m.; Canton, Nov. 24, 11:00 a. m.; Dahlonga, Nov. 24, 7:00 p. m.; Carrollton, Nov. 27; Atlanta, Nov. 28; Toccoa, Nov. 29; Clayton, Nov. 30; Augusta, Dec. 1.—A. V. Beaubé, overseer of Georgia, Box 63, Macon, Ga.

My address has been changed to 1016 E. Tenth St., Jacksonville, Fla.—E. W. Williams.

I would like to get in touch with

To the Church of God, especially in South Carolina: This is to notify you that the following ministers' licenses have been revoked and they are no longer members of the Church of God: W. F. Patterson, J. C. Brooks, E. L. Hooper.—J. D. Bright, state overseer of South Carolina.

**LISTEN! Is your son in camp? Write to the pastor of the nearest church to where he is stationed. Let us do everything we can to get all the boys who are in camps to attending church services. If you do not know the name of the pastor of the nearest church, write to E. J. Boehmer, Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., and he will furnish the address.**

# My Impressions of The 35th Annual Assembly

BY F. J. DAKE

Among the many wonderful and pleasant impressions that were mine while attending my first General Assembly of the Church of God, the following are the most outstanding:

A manifestation of the true family spirit and brotherly love was the first impression. From the first day to the last the thousands of people seemed like one big family who were having a reunion. Genuine love makes everyone feel good and it cannot help making a lasting impression. It is such a rare thing in this cold world outside of the family of God. Coming from a year's labor with all kinds and classes of people, it makes us feel as if we are entering the vestibule of heaven to meet so many who are of the same spirit and striving for the same end.

I had read of home-comings in the Church of God Evangel but had never attended one—I guess this must have been one from the way everyone felt and greeted one another. Greetings were genuine and impressed me that here were people who really loved one another and were united for a common cause. I saw no strangers. Coming almost as a stranger myself did not keep me a stranger long. The warm welcome from the officials on down to the least member of the organization makes one feel that he is among the best of friends and that he should walk worthy of such love and confidence, striving ever to make the Church of God the best in these modern times.

In this large family gathering I saw no jealousy, strife, or contention which mark so many large gatherings in this world. I saw or heard of no one who had come to the gathering to change the officials, the doctrine or the program in general. Everybody seemed to be happy and contented and so unified in everything that one was made to pray that this spirit would ever continue and that every member of the Church of God would always consider the interests of God and the Church more than personal or selfish interests. If there were any contentious persons I did not find them and I hope I never shall.

I saw no big "I's" and little "you's" in all the gathering. The general officials, the state overseers, the pastors of the largest churches and those of the smallest, as well as the least members of the whole organization, seemed all "one" and were friendly and brotherly one to the other. The officials in all their relations with the people seemed just like the people themselves. They were approachable and concerned with the needs of the least as well as the greatest. In other words, they were humanlike just like everybody else and yet they were highly respected and

honored for their position and work's sake.

Everyone appeared to feel at home and seemed to make himself at home. The platform was just as free to the least layman as to the greatest minister. The colored members of the Church of God were just as free and the same friendly spirit was manifested in both. It reminded me of more than twenty-one years ago when I received the baptism in the Spirit in a tent meeting where both colored and white persons were blessed.

The spirituality of the Assembly was wonderful. I doubt if any religious gathering anywhere in 1940 could equal this one in freedom of worship. It seemed more like an old-fashioned camp meeting than anything else. The power of God was daily present and the saints rejoiced in the Lord and in their sweet fellowship together. It sounded like mighty thunders and rivers of living waters. It is no wonder the world calls such people peculiar and hard to understand. If the Church of God will keep this freedom of the spirit and always be open to Spirit manifestations, they will constantly attract those of other churches who are spiritual. Before now I have seen men classed as full-gospel ministers put their hands on public manifestation of the Spirit and appear to be ashamed of God's blessings until their churches have become as dead and formal as the so-called denominational churches. God forbid that the Church of God ministers should ever start such a program.

The good reports of the growth of the Church in its every department made all realize that our movement is making great strides forward. One can see great possibilities for the Church in the years to come, if Jesus tarries. Let all connected with it do their utmost this year to make the gospel we preach known to everybody. We have something that we do not need to be ashamed of—something that we can boast, and something that will appeal to the thousands of believers who are looking for just such a program in the earth. Everybody is looking for something good and Biblical and we know we have that something. Let us therefore do our part and help the work grow by leaps and bounds.

Another thing that impressed me was the good order and smooth running of the business sessions. This part of the program was carried on like clockwork in spite of the great crowds which overfilled the main auditorium, the Community Hall, the other large halls and at times even the street outside.

Last but not least, the Bishops' Council,

which was held several days before the main Assembly, is one unique feature of the Church of God government over many other groups. Instead of bringing all the important questions before the mixed multitudes to cause confusion and unnecessary discussion, the bishops (between 500 and 600 in the Church) who are mature men with years of experience and sound in wisdom and in the knowledge of Bible teaching, review the business and problems of the Church first. This godly and sincere body of ministers at the 35th Assembly made a great impression on me by their reverence for God and respect for their leaders, their open-hearted attitude to know what is right and Biblical, and their willingness to carry out decisions as unto God. You could not help loving and having a great respect for such a body of men. These men certainly have the best interests of God and His Church at heart and are whole-hearted to do their part in the program, be it a place of great or little responsibility. The attitude seemed to be that if the heathen thought a man could do a job and trusted him to do it, he would do it or die in the attempt.

Not once did I notice a person practice politics or lectioneering for certain offices either for himself or for some friend. The election of officers was so free and carried on in such open and above board style that it was a pleasure to see the true Christian spirit manifest in this part of the business program. I did not hear in all those days a slighting remark or criticism and if some remark was made which even sounded like it reflected on anyone it was quickly and humbly repented of. The various problems were openly and frankly discussed. The bishops showed the ability and experience necessary to weigh conclusions for and against a matter with a view to arriving at the best and most biblical course to take each time. What the Bible says was the final word on any question, if it was a Biblical question. If it was another matter pertaining to the Church, the best thing to do as decided by the majority was gladly accepted and made a unanimous decision. When such a decision was made, that settled it and there was no rebellious or stubborn spirit manifested.

As a whole, the Bishops' Council and the General Assembly were really beyond my expectations. May God grant it ever to stay this way, so that other strangers of the Church of God may be impressed with the whole spirit and program of the Church, coming to know that there are people in the world who are both honest

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### Time Off For Religion

THIS is the heading of an article in the *Pathfinder* of November 9, discussing the New York State law requiring public elementary schools to release children from classes one hour a week, if requested to do so by their parents, for religious instruction. The motive behind the law, says the *Pathfinder*, was that ordinary Sunday School instruction was inadequate and that it should be supplemented by religious teaching on regular school time. It seems that by last week several of the up-state communities had put the program into effect and that New York City was preparing to do so.

In issuing the regulations for the program, the Board in the City of New York moved warily. The regulations provided, first, that any child could be released from school on request of his parents during the last school session each Wednesday; second, that any religious organization could start a religious training program for the children; third, that no principal or teacher could comment on a child's attendance or non-attendance in the religious classes, which sets forth that those classes must be held outside the schools themselves. It seems that there was great enthusiasm among all of the religious bodies and that Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths began making preparation for the religious training centers in churches and synagogues in each of the city's five boroughs. The Protestants decided to operate religious classes jointly and were the most advanced last week.

Before the program could go into practice it had to have the approval of the Board of Education and the Board postponed action, finally agreeing to hold public hearing on the question on November 13. It seems that there is a storm of protest which the Board will have to hear at that time, because there are many who believe the scheme is a violation of the principle of separation of church and state. It is predicted that court action will have to be taken for an interpretation of the law.

Well do we remember the Scopes Evolution Trial held at Dayton, Tennessee, a trial which possibly cost the life of a great man, William Jennings Bryan, who was fighting for religious

principles in the school. Occasionally there is religious sentiment enough mustered in a state to pass laws protecting belief in Christendom and standing against the anti-God spirit and opening up an avenue for more time for religious thought, but hardly is such a movement ever started that it does not strike an atheistic snag and attract nation-wide attention. We do not contend that such a law as passed by the New York State Legislature will help true and genuine Christendom, but at least the fight against it is a fight against the opening of an avenue through which Christianity could be helped. We note that in most states, and in most cities, time may be taken off in the schools for ball games and shows and other things which are even less valuable to the children, but let someone talk of having a little time off for religion and immediately the fat is in the fire. If there was ever a time that America needed to wake up and take a little time off for religion, this is evidently that time, when the very atmosphere is charged with strife and war. It certainly is a time that Christian America should awake to the truth of Christendom and that some of the public avenues, including the school, the press and the radio, be even more open for Christian and religious thought to travel.

### Using Money

THE latest news contained in statistics released by various government agencies reporting on business progress during 1940, is that business prospects for 1941 show that there is to be much more money and many more jobs for the American people. Secretary of Commerce, Jesse Jones, reveals that

the dollar income of the American people totals for the first nine months of this year, \$53,962,000,000.00, an increase of \$2,894,000,000.00 over the first three quarters of last year. It is estimated that the income for 1940 will exceed \$74,000,000,000.00, approximately the 1939 level and a gain of more than \$4,000,000,000.00 over last year. The prediction is that the outlook for the farmers is particularly bright.

These predictions may be great heartening to the people as a whole but, after all, what will these people do with the more money that is made. Will

it provide homes? Will it be spent in education? Will it be spent for the furtherance of the gospel of the Son of God? Or will it be thrown to the four winds of the earth by pleasure-seekers in places that will further damn the souls of men? Every true child of God should be heartened only by the fact that more money and more jobs will help them to further the gospel of the Son of God and to do more to conserve the principles for which the Bible stands and for those doctrines that are held dear to the Church; not to make money just to make it; not to make money just for the privilege of spending it, but to use it to the honor and glory of God, for that which we have comes from God and should be used for the furtherance of His cause and kingdom.

### Thanksgiving

IN many of the newspapers of November 7 there appeared a map of the United States showing the states which were observing November 21 as Thanksgiving Day and those which were observing November 28. A count according to this map shows thirty-two states falling in line with President Roosevelt's proclamation of observing November 21 as Thanksgiving Day, while sixteen are (Continued on page 15)

# When Will Christ Come Again?

## Pre-Millennial and Post-Millennial Views Compared and Contrasted

### "Pres" and the Bible

1. They believe the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God. (Not simply containing the words of God.)
2. They hold to the VERBAL inspiration. (Not simply that the thought is inspired.)
3. They accept its writings literally. (Except when plainly shown to be symbolic or figurative.)

### "Pres" and the Doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ

1. They do not dodge it because of false teachers. (Such as Russell, 7th-Day Adventists, etc.)
2. They do not make a hobby of it, but see its relative importance.
  - a. 318 references are made to this doctrine in the New Testament, an average of one verse in twenty-five.
  - b. Every book and writer mentions it, except Galatians and Philemon.
  - c. Every chapter in 1 Thess. ends with it.
  - d. Paul refers to it fifty times; to Baptism fifteen times.
  - e. The theme of Thessalonians and Revelation is the Second Coming.

### "Pres" and the Millennium, Rev. 20:1-7

1. "Millennium" comes from the Latin *mille*, thousand, and *annus*, year. One thousand years designated six times in Rev. 20.
2. *Meaning*: "That this earth, so long the abode of sin, shall be captured from the devil and ruled by the Prince of Peace." Standard and Century dictionaries: "The one thousand years of the Kingdom of Christ on earth based on Rev. 20:1-5." The Old Testament descriptions are contained in such passages as Isa. 2:2-4; 9:6, 7; 66:8; 16:5; Jer. 23:5, 6; Ezek. 37:24; Hab. 2:14; Zech. 14:9; Psalms 72:11; 46:9. See also Luke 1:32, 33; Rev. 19:6-15; 20:6; 5:10.
3. World conversion will be during the Millennium, not before it. Isa. 60; Amos 9:11-15; Acts 15:14-17.

### The Origin of the Two Views

The "Pres" hold that all the apostles and early church fathers took the "Pre" view of the coming of the Lord, and that there is not the slightest allusion to the "Post" view in the New Testament, which in fact was not known until the 16th century. History shows that Daniel Whitby of England is the father of the "Post" view, which he himself styles as his own "new hypothesis." (See his "Second Advent," p. 115.) This theory Bishop Henshaw calls "A novel doctrine unknown to the church for a space of 1600 years, and then advanced by Rev. Dr. Whitby."

### BY REV. T. W. CALLOWAY

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### Points of Difference

1. The "POSTS" hold that the world will be converted in this age, bringing the Millennium *before* Christ comes. The "PRES" claim that the world will be converted during the Millennium, *after* Christ comes. Acts 15:14-17; Amos 9:11-15; Isa. 60.

2. The "POSTS" hold that a reign of *righteousness* will end this age. The "PRES" hold that a reign of *lawlessness* will end this age.

a. Financial signs at the end of age. Jas. 5:1-4; 2 Tim. 3:2.

b. Apostasy in the professing church. 1 Tim. 4:1-3; Lu. 18:8; 2 Tim. 3:7.

c. Church signs. Rev. 3:14-21; 2 Tim. 3:5; 1 Thess. 5:1-6; Jude 17, 18; 2 Pet. 2:1, 2; 3:3, 4.

d. Modern transit signs. Dan. 12:4, railroads; Nahum 2:4, automobiles.

e. Sin abounding. 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Matt. 24:12, 37-39; Luke 17:26-30.

f. War signs, Matt. 24:3-8; Armageddon, Rev. 16:16.

g. Missionary sign, Matt. 24:14.

3. The "POSTS" hold that the Gospel is a failure unless this age is converted. The "PRES" claim that nowhere in the Bible are we told to "convert the world in this age."

The Bible says that the gospel shall be preached as a "witness," Matt. 24:14. The Church is an elect body. Acts 15:14.

To evangelize, not Christianize, the world in this age.

4. The "POSTS" say that the *Church* will usher in the Millennial Kingdom. The "PRES" say, "How can you have a kingdom without a *King*?"

That Christ must rule as King on earth. John 18:37; Matt. 2:2; 21:5; Luke 1:32, 33; Zech. 14:9; Psalms 2:6-8; Isa. 32:11; Dan. 7:13, 14; Rev. 19:16.

He has exercised the function of Prophet on earth; He is now filling the office of Priest in heaven; but He has never reigned as King on earth or in heaven.

The honor of Jesus demands His reign on earth as King.

He wore a crown of thorns; He must wear a crown of glory.

His earthly humiliation was seen by all; all must bow in His earthly exaltation.

He was "numbered with transgressors"; He must rule as King.

5. The "POSTS" hold to a general Resurrection and Judgment of saints and sinners after the Millennium.

The "PRES" hold to a literal resurrection of the saints *before* the Millennium. 1 Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:23. With no judgment for the saved. John 5:24; Rom. 8:1.

But a "White Throne Judgment" for the unsaved after the Millennium. Rev. 20:10-15; 21:8.

6. The "POSTS" claim that Christ comes in death; or that He came at the destruction of Jerusalem, at the advent of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost, etc.

The "PRES" reply that Christ will come literally, visibly, and personally. Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7; 1 Thess. 4:16. That we go to Christ at death. Phil. 1:23.

That the destruction of Jerusalem was in A. D. 76, whereas John wrote the Revelation, whose theme is the Second Coming, on Patmos, A. D. 96.

That the Second Coming is referred to many times after the advent of the Holy Spirit.

7. The "POSTS" delay Christ's coming 1000 years after the Millennium begins, and maybe for thousands of years thereafter.

The "PRES" answer, Where is the sense of the injunctions to—

a. WATCH for His coming. Matt. 24:43-51; 25:13; Mark 13:33-37; Luke 12:35-37; 21:34-36; 1 Thess. 4:5, 6; Rev. 16:15.

(How can they watch for one they do not expect for 1000 years?)

b. PRAY for His early return. Matt. 6:10; Rev. 22:20.

(How can they pray for a thing they know is impossible?)

c. LOVE His appearing. Rom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 5:2; 2 Tim. 4:8; Titus 2:13.

(How can they love that which they "mock"? ) Jude 18; Matt. 24:48; 2 Pet. 3:3, 4.

Jesus says from heaven, "Behold, I come quickly."

James says, "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

Hebrews says, "Yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

"Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

John says, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly."

### Whose Testimony Will You Take?

8. The "POSTS" make much of the

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# Steps In The Christian Life

BY JOSEPH TERLIZZI

Matt. 5:1-12. "Sermon on the Mount."

Whenever Jesus used an illustration, He used some familiar object. "Ye are the SALT of the earth." Salt is a preservative element. Some messages have salt in them, and to listen attentively, preserves the soul. Hence, "He that hath an ear, let him hear."

My text, which adheres closely to the subject, is the 48th verse. "Be ye therefore perfect." P-E-R-F-E-C-T means "full Christian development."

The modernists tell us that the Sermon on the Mount is impracticable. But, if one is surrendered to God, it is most practicable.

There are four downward steps and four upward steps in the development of a "FULL-GROWN CHRISTIAN CHARACTER."

## FOUR STEPS DOWNWARD

### 1. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

The Greek word for "poor" means "utterly destitute." The Law of Moses proves the sinner to be spiritually bankrupt. The gospel is the riches of God's grace. Jesus, who was rich, became poor, that through His poverty we should become rich. "Poor in spirit" is the disposition which the Psalmist called a "broken heart," the realization of spiritual destitution. This realization brings a remorse for sin, confession, and repentance; the soul then cries out for the riches of God's grace. Regeneration is the result. God's kingdom is then planted in the heart of the believer; a kingdom of righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14:17.

Again, "poor in spirit" is the realization of spiritual poverty, dependent on God. Hence, ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Poor in spirit, rich in grace!

This realization of spiritual poverty caused many Christians to cry out unto God in more than five hundred prayer meetings all over Wales, that brought about the great Welsh revival at the end of the nineteenth century. It was this realization that swept many from every denomination into this "latter rain" revival and outpouring of the Holy Ghost. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their's is the kingdom of heaven."

### 2. Blessed Are They That Mourn

Jesus was so full of compassion, He wept at His friend's tomb, He wept over the sinfulness of Jerusalem, He wept over the sinfulness of a "lost world in the garden." Jesus, the Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, wept.

Some Christians are little concerned

these days over the condition of LOST SOULS. The cry of so many sinners is "No man careth for my soul." What an indictment against the careless and indifferent Christian. It is when Zion weeps over the lost, with a travail for souls, that children are born into God's kingdom. Isa. 66:8. What is true in the physical realm, is also true in the spiritual.

A view of the kingdom of heaven in its nearness leads to mourning. Suffering borne for the sake of God, and tears shed for the salvation of the unsaved, are the wellsprings of true comfort.

A lady said she prayed for twenty years for her husband. Finally he became very cranky. Before his conversion, at the end of a camp meeting service, she asked some Christian ladies to fast and pray with her for her husband. They did, and she received such a burden of prayer for her husband that after they parted and returned home, she was unable to go to sleep. So she continued to pray in her bedroom. Her husband became angry and told her that he wanted to sleep, and if she wanted to pray, to go to the barn and do her praying there. So she went to the barn and continued to pour out her heart to God in travailing and prevailing prayer. The next night her husband was unable to go to sleep because of deep conviction for sin, and wanted to pray. But the wife said she wanted to go to sleep and for him to go to the barn and do his praying. He did, and strange as it may seem, prayed through to a deep experience of regeneration.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psal. 126:6. "Blessed are ye that weep now, for ye shall laugh." Luke 6:21.

### 3. Blessed Are the Meek

"Of all the trees, I observe God has chosen the vine, a low plant that creeps upon the helpful wall; of all the beasts, the soft and patient lamb; of all fowls, the guileless dove. When God appeared to Moses, it was not in lofty cedar, nor sturdy oak, nor spreading palm; but it was in a humble, slender, abject shrub, as if He would, by these selections, check the conceited arrogance of man."

The natural (carnal) man is proud and haughty. The spiritual man is meek, of lowly, humble and gentle disposition. Meekness is produced through discipline. "Tribulation worketh patience." We learn to be meek through hardships, insults, suffering, pain, afflictions. Jesus learned obedience by the things which He suffered. Heb. 5:8, 9. Therefore Jesus said: "Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly

at heart." Patience is calmly enduring. Meekness is gentle, submissive and yielding to God's will, mild of temper, love in poise.

A lady out West, in society one night, was called Mrs. Smith. She retorted and said, "I am Mrs. Elizabeth Smythe." She was always Lizzie Smith until her husband struck oil. A proud heart is sin. The Lord will destroy the house of the proud, but will beautify the meek with salvation. The meek shall eat and be satisfied.

In stooping to be humble many preserve themselves. A soldier was stooping down to render assistance to a comrade who had been wounded, when a bullet passed over him, and he was saved. A missionary in Jamaica was questioning the little black boys about Matthew 5 and asked, "Who are the meek?" A boy answered, "Those who give soft answers to rough questions." Saint Peter said, "Let it not be the outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of gold, or putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a MEEK, and quite spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Peter 3: 3, 4.

### 4. Blessed Are They That Hunger and Thirst

"Hunger and thirst," the strong and sensible bodily cravings employed to illustrate the yearning of the soul for spiritual good. Righteousness of character and righteousness which is by faith satisfies the soul, nothing else can.

Righteousness is the state of being right; acceptance with God; uprightness of character; rightness of principle and practice; godliness; traveling a straight course; obedience to divine lawful authority; the conforming of life to divine law, and spiritual purity. All this is expressed in three words, "right with God."

This righteousness cannot be attained through human effort. The Pharisee tried it and failed.

The Talmud says: "There are seven kinds of Pharisees. 1. The Shechemite Pharisee, who simply keeps the Law for what he can profit thereby, as Shechem (Gen. 34:19). 2. The tumbling Pharisee, who, in order to appear humble before men, always hangs down his head, and scarcely lifts up his feet when he walks, so that he constantly tumbles. 3. The bleeding Pharisee, who, in order not to look at a woman, walks about with his eyes closed, and hence injures his head frequently, so that he has bleeding wounds. 4. The mortar Pharisee, who wears a cap in the form of a mortar (a vessel), to cover his eyes, that he may not see any impurities and indecencies. 5. The what-am-I-yet-to-do Pharisee who not knowing much about the Law, as soon as he does one thing asks, What is

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# Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

## Revivals in Barbados, B. W. I.

Dear Church of God family: I am glad again to report that God is wonderfully blessing the mission work of the Church here and during the last three months, as a result of the many revivals that have been held among the different assemblies on the Island, there was reported at our quarterly meeting the good news that no less than one hundred and fourteen seekers came seeking a Savior and salvation in these meetings.

I am also very pleased to say that the meetings keep up well in attendance, and the revival spirit still continues among our people. Evangelist Green reports that she has never seen people hungrier to hear the gospel than in St. Vincent, owing to the extreme poverty of the people, but she has had many cottage, and open-air services where the people flock to hear the truth, and as many as twenty-five come seeking pardon in an open-air meeting. We surely have an open door here and thousands are longing to hear the Word of God.

How true are the words of our Master, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few," and money is needed, so that we can go forward in Jesus' name. Dear ones, do pray for this needy field, "and whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."—Yours in His service, J. B. Winter, assistant overseer.

## The New Testament Church of God

ECKSTINE VILLAGE, Barbados, B. W. I.—Under ideal weather conditions our quarterly meeting was held on Sunday, Oct. 6, and to be candid, this meeting reached a high spiritual standard. Once more we can say, To God be the glory, great things He hath done. At an early hour the saints assembled on the

beach, where a baptismal service was conducted by Bishop J. B. Winter, assisted by Deacon Harding. It was a matter of real thanksgiving when thirty-four candidates obeyed the blessed Master by being buried in baptism.

At 10:30 a. m. service was held in the church when there was a full representative gathering present, including Sister L. Mingo of "The Canadian Pentecostal Mission."

The service began with singing, "Deeper, Deeper in the Love of Jesus," after which Bishop J. H. Marshall read Psalm 100; 101. There followed a season of united prayer. At the close of the hymn, "Standing on the Promises," Bro. Hinds gave thanks for the offering. At this point Brother Winter gave a most interesting report of the work done by Brother Ingram in the mission field. We do indeed remember this dear brother and pray that providence may continue to bless his efforts so that he may be enabled to go from strength to strength with the assurance that his reward is sure.

The reports of the various assemblies were read out and then Sister Thelma Stoute was introduced as a missionary helper with us. We do sincerely hope that her labor of love may prove to be a blessing among many. In a most encouraging manner Sister Mingo brought the message. Truly our hearts were made glad as she declared the process through which the saints must shine.

At the close of the address Brother Rock offered prayer in behalf of the Assembly in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Following the singing of a chorus an invitation was given and six responded. The service was brought to a close with prayer and benediction.—Christopher N. Ford, bishop.

## Special Notice

We wish to thank all who have contributed clothes for Haiti in order that hundreds of people may attend services. We shipped October 25 one hundred thirty-four cubit feet of boxes packed with clothes.

All clothes intended for Haiti should be addressed to Mrs. Chester Maxwell, Mission Circle, Somerstown Road, Ossining, New York. Be sure to address all packages plainly and distinctly; it would be better to print the addresses. Also, be sure to sign your name and address. Some packages have not been acknowledged because the address could not be read. In no case should anyone attempt to send packages or boxes of clothes directly to Brother Kluzit. It is likely to cause him much trouble and is possible it would even stop future shipments.

Someone at the Assembly insisted on sending a package directly to Haiti. It was sent to the wrong pier in New York and was held up for some time until the Mission Circle was finally notified and had to go to trouble and pay \$4.00 in getting it transferred to another pier. It was also subject to storage charge, however, the shipping company did not force us to pay that charge.

The navy has taken over some piers even in the last few days, so that shipping is being changed continually. For further information you may write us or you may write Mrs. Maxwell at the above address.—Zeno C. Tharp, secretary of Mission Board, Sevierville, Tenn.

The person who sits on the stool of do-nothing may have a comfortable seat, but undoubtedly a poor occupation and small pay.

## The Evangelizing Power of Divine Healing

EARL A. CRIPPS

The writer received saving faith by reading in a newspaper that God was not only saving drunkards in Billy Sunday's meeting, but was giving them brand new linings for their stomachs that booze had eaten away. He had just returned from college full of infidelity and unbelief, but upon reading that, said to himself, "There must be a God if He can do that."

*Few people realize the evangelizing*

*power of divine healing.* But the healing of the lame man at the temple gate resulted in 5,000 Jews being converted in about five minutes and so stirred all Jerusalem that it not only frightened the council which had crucified Christ two months before, but it caused the disciples to ask God to stretch forth His hands in more signs and wonders, for if one miracle was doing so much what

would a lot of miracles accomplish? And down through the ministry of Paul and Silas to the present day divine healing has played an important part in all revivals. *John Wesley records two hundred and forty-two distinct cases of healing in his meetings.* And Spurgeon had so many sick healed when he prayed for them that he was afraid people would think his tabernacle was like the shrine at Lourdes, France. But that would not have troubled Peter when his shadow was healing the sick, nor Paul when handkerchiefs sent

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# LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

*An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy*

*"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.*

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

"Greeks! We shall now prove whether we are worthy of our ancestors and of the liberty which our forefathers secured for us! Fight for the fatherland, your wives, your children and sacred traditions. Now, above all, the fight!" With those words Greece, heretofore out of the war, entered the arena in combat against Italy and Germany. Turkey stands ready to enter and will probably be in the war by the time these words appear in print. Greece was being invaded by Italy. It was either fight or surrender their all. She chose to fight. Thus do the dictators reach out, octopus like, and thus do other nations endeavor to stay their hand. "WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS."

While France was still fighting, the Germans used this very effective propaganda upon the French soldiers and people: "Britain will fight to the last Frenchman." Now, they are propagandizing the English people by saying that "America will fight to the last Englishman." Thus, they are subtly attacking the United States. While our government has consistently expressed a desire and a determination to remain out of the war, the aggressor nations are striving valiantly, it seems, to force America into the terrible holocaust of war. As I write this, a foreign submarine has been seen playing around the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal. Last week another submarine was seen near the Atlantic entrance to the Canal. All those things are aggravating an already serious situation and make our own status more and more warlike in self-defense.

NEWSWEEK had the following paragraph: "Through trustworthy channels comes word of Germany's plans to extend its religious as well as political influence into occupied countries. The pro-Nazi Evangelical Church Council in Berlin, antagonist of Niemoller and of other Protestant leaders now in concentration camps, has just completed a careful study of all religious movements in Scandinavia and the low countries. Now, as the second step in the plan, council emissaries are being sent out to talk with selected religious leaders in the captured capitals." Yes, the dictators must have the religious

as well as the political sway or their plans will fall. It is indeed pitiable but the so-called religious leaders, will, for the major part, line up with the demands of the dictators. You remember how quickly the Pope and the Catholics made peace with the dictators after their victories were assured. So, in my opinion, will the other leaders who have itching hands and itching ears and who are susceptible to flattery rather than the leadership of the Holy Ghost. "FALLING AWAY," WON'T ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE, ETC.

The sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses have declared their neutrality in the event that America goes to war. They maintain that they are interested only in proclaiming Jehovah's kingdom. That is a commendable ambition. However, when that Kingdom is established upon the earth and when the "knowledge of the glory of God fills the earth as waters fill the sea," men's feeble tongues will not be needed to declare it. The brightness and majesty and grandeur of the Kingdom of God will declare itself to all people. When the temple shall be built "all nations shall flow unto it." Therefore, so long as we are in the world and subject to its government, we are commanded to be obedient to the dictates of the government unless and until they go contrary to the Word of God. No American is neutral when our country is at war. Their heart beats with one side or the other. The Witnesses say, "We believe in defending God's Kingdom." God's Kingdom needs not the puny defense of man. He who shall establish it shall amply and divinely protect it.

"Never has Jesus been so potent (powerful) in the affairs of men as in the past fourteen decades (140 years). The years from A. D. 1800 to A. D. 1940 have been the period in which He has moulded mankind as never before," so said Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, as reported by TIME. He says further, "Christianity has had its ebb and flow. But, each high-watermark has reached farther than its predecessor, and each recession has not been as low as the one before it. . . . In the U. S. Christianity had sufficient life more than to keep pace with the phenom-

enal growth of the white population, and to attract as well about half of the Negroes and Indians, previously non-Christian." Well, the learned doctor has a perfect right to so judge the religious status of U. S. but I am forced to take issue. It occurs to me that the Spirit of Christ has less and less influence day by day. True, there have been and are denominational gains. There are possibly more "joiners" than heretofore, but it is merely "joining and nothing more." The Spirit of Christ will bring that intensity of desire to follow after Him in all the avenues of our daily lives. The Spirit of Christ, if followed, will do away with the awful, destructive forces of hatred and malice, class-hatred and mass-thinking, that is characterizing life in America today.

The women's Zionist organization of America recently concluded their annual convention at Cincinnati. These Jewish ladies are interested in the reclamation and rehabilitation of the Palestinian country. They budgeted two hundred thousand dollars for that purpose for the coming year. Land bought by the fund, they stated, is nationally owned (by the Jews) and becomes a resource for the entire Jewish population in Palestine. It is let out at small ground rents to homesteaders and columnists who agree to work it. They are extremely interested in aiding Britain in her war with Germany. They are experimenting in many and varied ways to make synthetic products. For an instant, they reported that high test aviation gasoline can be made from soy beans, which grow well in that country. I quote a paragraph from their annual report: "Palestine can now boast of 2,000 ground mechanics trained for work in highly technical defense occupations like aviation as well as hundreds of pilots now serving with the British Army. Chauffeurs have banded together by the thousands to form a Jewish Motor Transport Corps to give aid to the British. Factory workers who produce goods by the latest methods, especially airplane parts, gas masks, steel instruments, electrical instruments, and textiles, all of which are badly needed in the Near East, are otherwise helping to build up a powerful defense of their

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# Requests For Prayer

## PRAY FOR—

Me to be healed of a severe hurting in my back and side; our child to be saved.—Mrs. P. L. Burrell, Rt. 1, Salem, S. C.

The healing of my eyes; my family; this community; me to stand true.—Sister Joe Smith, Savage, Miss.

The work here at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.; the Lord to help financially; very important unspoken request; God to give us a great revival.—Mrs. B. H. Clark, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

The healing of my body; me to obey the Lord; my baby sister to be healed.—Fred Alexander, Newry, S. C.

God to heal my body, I have been sick about five years; my father and son to be saved; me to get closer to God.—Mrs. Blanche Blanton, Casar, N. C.

My sister to be healed and saved, she has a cancer; God to give her the light on the Church of God, she is a Catholic.—Mrs. G. M. Zeigler, Stockton, Ga.

My body to be healed, I have been sick about four years.—Mrs. J. D. Bell, Frostproof, Fla.

Our family to be healed of a contagious disease; the Lord to protect the others that they won't take it.—Mrs. Eva Jackson, 1706 Ward Law St., Waycross, Ga.

My husband's knee to be healed of an infection.—Mrs. W. E. Garr, Rt. 3, Moulton, Ga.

Unspoken request; me to be healed; the Lord to deliver my son of a habit.—Malinda Free, Acworth, Ga.

The Lord to provide me with work, I am a widow and need it badly; my body to be healed.—Mrs. Bertha Evans, 24 Sirrine St., Seneca, S. C.

The healing of my body of stomach trouble.—Hardy Hooper, Eldorado, Okla.

The complete healing of my little girl's tonsils and another trouble; unspoken request; my husband to be completely healed and receive the Holy Ghost; the work here.—Mrs. Earl Mitchell, McKinney, Tex.

Me to be healed of T. B.; the Lord to move every fear and doubt; the Lord to heal my knees so I can straighten my limbs, they hurt me very badly sometimes; my husband and children to get saved; my girl friend to be healed of T. B. I thank every one for your encouraging letters. I will be very happy to get others or something good to read. Also pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Herbert Friend, Room 249, Waverly Hills, Ky.

The healing of my little boy who is nearly four years old and has never walked. He is in the hospital now, the doctors may operate on him.—His

mother, Bessie Whittemore, Barnardsville, N. C.

The work in Los Angeles that the Lord will help us in our undertaking for a new church.—Frank Woods, 4402 Triggs St., Los Angeles, Calif.

The Lord to provide me with work; me to be healed; my two sons to be saved.—Lillie Ferguson, 26 Sirrine St., Seneca, S. C.

Pray for your sister in Christ.—Clara Rippey, 401 Gardner St., Shelby, N. C.

The healing of my body, I hurt all over, my lungs hurt me and my head is in such a condition I can hardly bear it. I had the flu last winter and can't get well. I am afraid it might be T. B., but I know God is able to heal me. There is no Church of God to go to and no Church of God people near me. Please have special prayer for my body and that I will get to go into His service. Pray for my unsaved husband and children to be saved; my daughter to be healed of epileptic fits; my children and grandchildren to be healed of colds.—Mrs. O. H. Howe, Roslin, Tenn.

Our revival; a home which the devil has torn up that the Lord will undertake.—Albert McBride, Box 265, Cocoa, Fla.

Two very urgent unspoken requests; me; my sister-in-law who has a cancer.—Mrs. Bessie McKinnie, Lake Placid, Fla.

Me to be healed of T. B.—Mrs. W. R. Oglesby, Sanatorium, Miss.

Very special request; my sisters and brothers that God will save them; a girl to come back to the Lord; the church here; me to be an overcomer.—Della Carder, Asheboro, N. C.

This place that God will get hold of people and save them and that the backsliders will come back to God; God to send some Holy Ghost preacher here to fight sin and that a place of godly worship may be built; God to send a revival here; unspoken request; me and my family.—Mrs. Henry Sims, Sherwood, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Ruby Helms, Rt. 1, Box 36, Isola, Miss.

My body to be healed; my eyes to be healed; my daughter to receive the Holy Ghost; my husband to be saved; my two daughters to be healed; my son-in-law to receive the Holy Ghost; me to ever stand true.—Carrie Turner, Rt. 1, Screven, Ga.

The healing of my little girl who has an effected kidney; me to be healed of a knot in my side and high blood pressure; my husband to be healed of smothering spells and his soul to be saved; my stepson to be saved.—Sister Lena Pettry, 503 N. Canal St., Natchez, Miss.

My unsaved sons to get salvation.—

Lillie Melton, Hayesville, N. C.

Our loved ones who are unsaved to get salvation; our church.—Bettie Kinsley, Allen Junction, W. Va.

God to help me bear my burdens and crosses as they are many; three very urgent requests; the Lord to help me; us to get closer to God, I get so discouraged; God to help us financially; my health; my husband and children.—Mrs. Nina Brewington, Rt. 2, Lakeland, Fla.

Unspoken request; the healing of my baby's eyes; me to get closer to God.—Hazel Crews, Moniac, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of toothache and neuralgia; my husband to be healed of a hurting in his back and that he will be saved; my oldest son to be saved; me to be faithful.—Mrs. Louise Rodriguez, Folsom, La.

## OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

### GLASGOW

Sister Hattie Glasgow, faithful member of the Church of God at St. Luke, Md., went to be with Jesus Oct. 18, 1940; age sixty-eight years, ten months and ten days.—Russell Bonneille, pastor, Salisbury, Md.

### LEMMON

Billy Lemmon, a little Sunday School student at Columbia, S. C., departed this life to be with Jesus Oct. 3, 1940; age nine years.—Sallie Watson, Columbia, S. C.

### MACK

Little Paul David Mack went to be with Jesus and his sister Frances on Oct. 7, 1940; age one year and two days.—His aunt, Mrs. Joseph Dowd, Cobbtown, Ga.

### LEGG

Mrs. Muriel Legg, exhorter and member of the Church of God at Mt. View, Jam., B. W. I., departed this life Aug. 12, 1940. Pray for her bereaved family that God will save them.—R. A. Robinson, clerk, Mulgrave, St. Elizabeth, Jam., B. W. I.

### WHITE

Mrs. Mary White, member of the Church of God at Mt. View, Jam., departed this life Sept. 4, 1940; age thirty-seven years. Pray for her unsaved family.—R. A. Robinson, clerk, Mulgrave, St. Elizabeth, Jam., B. W. I.

### TOLER

Brother A. R. Toler completed his pilgrimage on this earth on Friday evening, Oct. 4, 1940, at the age of sixty-eight (Continued on page 14)

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## Notes of Praise

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LaFAYETTE, Ga.—I praise the Lord for what He means to me. For about two years I had been continually taking medicine. About three weeks ago the Lord spoke to me and told me to trust Him. I poured my medicine out and I have been feeling so much better. I was able last week to do my washing for the first time in about two years. I want everyone who reads this to pray that I will be completely healed and that I will grow stronger in the Lord. We thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister Griffin here. We believe they are fine people. Pray that the Church of God at LaFayette will shine for Jesus.—Mrs. M. C. Little, 1 Cedar St.

HAYESVILLE, N. C.—I praise God for this good salvation and the wonderful keeping power of God. Thirty-one years ago I heard the call of Jesus bidding me to come and He would give me rest for my weary soul. He so sweetly saved me and washed me in His precious blood and sent the Holy Ghost to abide.—Lillie Melton.

CARRIER MILLS, Ill.—The Church of God at Carrier Mills wishes to take this method of expressing its appreciation for Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Freeman. Brother Freeman was our pastor last year. They surely proved a blessing to the church in Carrier Mills, also to outsiders they were real friends. They were one hundred per cent behind the Y. P. E., always encouraging the band of young people to press forward. Brother and Sister Freeman have gone to Christopher this year, but they will not be forgotten in Carrier Mills. I say to the church and Y. P. E. at Christopher, stand by your pastor and I am sure he and his good wife will stand by you.—Miss Mayme Martin.

ALLEN JUNCTION, W. Va. — I praise the Lord for His goodness to us. I praise Him for healing me of a bealed throat at the Assembly. We arrived there for the first service and in that service the pains and aches all vanished. My throat was swollen so I could hardly drink anything. Thank the dear Lord, I was healed so I could eat a full meal by the second day. Praise the Lord, I enjoyed the Assembly after the enemy had tried so hard to afflict me so I couldn't go and I just went anyway. I was so sick all the way going. Pray for my little girl and me that we will never turn back.—Bettie Kinsley.

LAKELAND, Fla.—I sent in a request some months ago for prayer for my lit-

tle daughter. She began to mend from the time I sent it and I haven't had a doctor since. She is in school now. I surely thank everyone for his prayers, also the ones who sent the anointed cloths.—Mrs. Nina Brewington, Rt. 2.

PRESTONBURG, Ky.—I am so glad for what God has done for me. He has wonderfully saved me from a life of sin, sanctified me and given me the Holy Ghost. Praise His name. He has healed me and my family. Praise the Lord.

I had a cancer on my nose and promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of it. I made special request for prayer and, praise the Lord, it just dropped off. A cancer doctor wanted to use a remedy for it but I knew God was the only remedy. Praise His name.

I am so glad I ever found Him and He came in and supped with me and I with Him. I love the dear old Church of God; I love her teachings. Praise His name for what He means to us.

Please pray that I will be a soul winner for Jesus. Pray much for my children to come into the fold before it is too late.—Mrs. Malinda Messer.

KENDRICK, Fla. — I truly am glad for the love of God that abides in my heart. The Lord has been so good to me; He has meant so much to my home. He has heard and answered prayers so many times, for which I do praise Him. The way grows brighter each day. I have never seen a path to turn aside to which offered anything in comparison to the precious path of righteousness. Although I do not get to attend church like I wish to, as I live so far away, yet, dear ones, God will surely come to our rescue, though it may be at the hours of the night, if we are determined to live for Him.

I thank Him for healing my baby at two o'clock one night, of a very high fever and vomiting. I also thank Him for healing me of something like kidney colic. Oh, how I suffered but was determined to trust God for I never could forget how He spoke those precious words to me, Matt. 28, last verse, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." I also thank the Lord for touching my baby's foot when he almost had blood poison. I thank every one who has prayed for him. I still desire prayer that his toe will be completely healed.

I am still feasting on the sweet wine of

Canaan and the honey out of the rock and the Holy Ghost is as real to me now as the night He came in and spoke for Himself. Praise His holy name. I just could not live without Him. He has given me a light and I want to let it shine. I do thank the Lord for the good Church of God and its teaching, also thank Him for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Alderman. I thank Him for Brother J. B. Camp preaching the true gospel and helping me to find this wonderful way before it was too late. Praise the dear Lord.

We have so much to thank Him for. Psa. 126:3, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. I praise Him for healing me of an awful sick headache and vomiting Monday. One of my neighbors came to see me. She wanted to know what I had taken and I told her nothing, that I believed strongly in prayer. Oh, how I praise Him for His healing power.

I desire the prayers of God's children that I may still keep the victory and live for Jesus until He comes or calls. I need your prayers; there is no holiness church or any holiness people anywhere near here. Also pray for my unsaved loved ones and my home. I do enjoy reading the Evangel; it is food to my soul. I can hardly wait until time for it each week.—Mrs. W. S. Weatherford, Box 80.

MILLEN, Ga.—I praise the Lord for the way He blesses and heals in our home. Last December our baby took sick on Sunday evening and on Tuesday night he was so sick we sent for Sisters Myrtle Joyner, Minnie Williams, Exie Aycock and Brother E. F. Ward to pray for him. The Lord wonderfully healed him. For over an hour he did not even move his eyes and did not breathe very often. The doctor did not know what was wrong with him, and he said after he was healed, "The Lord surely helped that baby." It was not anything he had done to help him.

The baby has one more ailment. Please pray for him. Pray that our family will be ready to go when the Lord comes.—Mrs. R. H. Ward.

### Jesus Can Heal

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—I praise God for blessing me and healing me as much as He has. One night while on my knees praying, the thought came to me to write and tell what Jesus had done for me. I have not the full blessing but I am looking forward in the near future for God to pour out His blessing upon me.

I thank every one who sent me an anointed cloth and prayed for my request. I received five anointed cloths. I sincerely pray God's richest blessings upon every one, that God will supply your needs. Although I am not completely healed, I am so near well until I am not bothered

with the trouble half as much as I was. Pray for me to get the full blessing, also that God will save my brother in the army. I have an unspoken request, also pray for my father and other loved ones to be saved. I covet your prayers. We are facing perilous times. Pray that God will undertake. Jesus can heal us if we will have faith in Him and believe His Word. Pray for me.—Miss Gladys Jones, Rt. 4.

LEE, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed in my home. I praise Him for healing my son of a snake bite. While fishing he was bitten on the hand by what those in company with him called a copperhead moccasin. Brother Hudson, our pastor, and another one of my sons prayed for him and the Lord healed him instantly.

I said I was going to praise the Lord for it through the pages of our dear Evangel and State News, but procrastination is surely a thief of time. I was suffering with a severe pain in my hip and leg one day last week and I placed an anointed cloth on my hip which was sent me from the Assembly and Jesus healed me instantly, so I promised not to procrastinate any longer.

Jesus has been the Physician in my home for over five years. I can never praise Him enough for He has healed my family and me of so many things. Space won't permit me to tell of His goodness to me.

I am so thankful I have salvation and belong to the Church of God.

I ask an interest in the prayers of the saints that I will be faithful to the end of life's journey. Also pray for our church here at Lee.—Mrs. A. H. Hemphill.

BOYLE, Miss.—Dear saints of God, I praise the Lord for free salvation and for His healing power. I promised Him if He would heal my daughter Sunday night I would testify of what He had done for me. He has been so good to us; He has healed us so many times. My daughter, Juanita Lett, was called to preach in 1938 but she did not think she could go

and leave home, and did not go. Last year she got where she could not see anything. We held on to God. She went this year every time she could get a way. She held a ten days' meeting at McCool, Miss., and a week's meeting at Boyle, Miss. Two received the Holy Ghost at McCool and three were saved. At Boyle nine have received the Holy Ghost and two have been saved. At another place two received the Holy Ghost. The Lord has blessed her so much she can see how to go to her brother's by herself, and can cook and tell the time by the clock. She intends to go and carry the gospel next year and wants every saint of God to pray for her, that God will give her strength to carry His Word.

Pray for me and my children.—Mrs. Frances Lett.

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# The Unlimited Power of Jesus Christ

BY E. CLAYTON THOMAS

Matt. 28:18, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

I have often pondered on the question, Why do we try to limit God's power? There are many ways that we do try to limit the power of God, even though it may not seem so.

I find that it is very easy for us to try to limit God's power when we are praying. Oh, you may not think you do, but have you ever done like a certain sister that I am going to tell you about? There was a good, faithful sister living in Pahokee, Fla. She needed a sewing machine very badly so she decided to ask God for it. She prayed in this manner, "Lord, there are a number of old machines sitting in people's attics that I could use and I want one. I know your power is sufficient." A few days later another sister presented her with an old sewing machine. While thanking God for the machine, God spoke to the sister and said, "You could have gotten a new machine just as easily but you only asked for an old one." She got what she asked for. The old saying, "You get what you expect," is true in many cases.

Matt. 21:22 says, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Praise the Lord! He says "shall receive," not maybe or might, but ye shall receive. Then why is it we don't accomplish any more?

I am afraid that we are like the people were during the time that Peter was in jail. They were all gathered together praying for Peter's release but were very surprised when he came walking in. If God were to send the power of the Holy Ghost and try to bless I don't know whether we would be free or not.

The 23rd Psalm says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

There was Daniel. He had the victory and was not afraid to go into the lions' den because he knew nothing was impossible with God. Praise God! Daniel had enough power about him that even the old king was confident that his God would deliver him from the lions' den. Surely if a man in sin like this king could believe in God that strong, how can the saints of God (having the Holy Ghost) doubt His Word and power to deliver? 2 Tim. 4:7, 8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

If we can give the same testimony that

Paul gave we have lots to be thankful for. Paul had lived true to God; he had consecrated his life to God to the extent that he was confident (without the least bit of doubt) that he was going to receive the crown. Are you living that kind of life or are you falling short and trying to limit God's power?

Shall we limit God's power to bless, to heal the sick, to make the blind to see and most of all to save souls? I say, NO.

I have heard so many people say they are having a hard time and can hardly get along and keep the victory. Bless your heart, if you are in that number remember 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." When you go as far as you can then let God have a chance. Father and mother loves us and will go with us to the bedside and mother will hold our hand and wipe our brow with a cool cloth, but that is as far as they can go. But there is One that will go all the way, even across Jordan's chilly tide into the promise land. That is the precious Son of God who hung on the cross for us.

## \*\*\*\*\* ★ Question Box ★ \*\*\*\*\*

Question: I am a member of the Church of God. The mail carrier asked me this question and I told him about the Question Box. He said for me to send this question and that when the answer came, he wanted to see it. In the scripture in 1 John 5:8, what is meant by the water, Spirit, and blood agreeing in one? one what?—R. C.

Answer: It might be well to read the 7th and 8th verses. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one." Bearing record, witnessing, and testifying are all one and the self-same thing. Our scripture sets forth that there are three in heaven which testify and that their testimony is a united testimony, that they testify the same thing. Then the same is true of that which is upon earth. There is testimony given by the Spirit; there is testimony in the water by way of water baptism as the answer of a good conscience toward God, not a putting away of the filthiness of the flesh but a symbol of a new life or a rising to walk in newness of life; the testimony of the blood is that of a clean and consecrated life. But all of these testify one and the self-same thing, that is, the work

of God's Spirit or the plan of salvation. In the 8th verse the Syriac says, "And there are three witnesses, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three are in union." Moffatt's Translation says, "The witnesses are three, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three of them are in accord." It seems to us that a comparison of these three translations makes it perfectly plain that there are three separate and distinct testimonies and that yet these testimonies are as one.

Question: Please explain Luke 5:36, "No man putteth a piece of new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old."—Mrs. L. M.

Answer: No text is easily understood without also reviewing the context. It might well be remembered that the scribes and Pharisees had been murmuring against the disciples; first, that they ate with publicans and sinners, and, second, that the disciples of John the Baptist fasted often but it seems that the disciples of Jesus ate and drank. Jesus answered the question in the 34th and 35th verses by likening Himself as the Messiah to the Bridegroom being with them and making a change in condition. Then to shed more light on the subject, He gave them the parable not to put a piece of new garment upon an old, not to put new wine in old bottles, etc. The law and the prophets were until John. He occupied that pivotal point or great crisis in religious affairs. The old covenant, the law, etc., came to an end and Jesus came as the mediator of a new and to establish a new covenant founded upon better promises, therefore He said you should not try to mix the old with the new, nor put the old in the new, for as one is in its dying stage, fasting and sadness would be in order, but while the other is being ushered in there should be gladness and feasting. The parables are given to show the dying out of one age and the birth of a new.

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## When Will Christ Come Again?

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"Fatherhood of God" and the "Brotherhood of Man," saint and sinner alike. The "PRES" say that God is Heavenly Father of the saved only; and that the unsaved are children of the devil. John 8:44; Eph. 2:1-5.

That individual regeneration is the essential thing, and not the reformation of society.

9. The "POSTS" reject the Second Coming of Christ, as the Jews did His First Coming.

The "PRES" say that both lines of prophecy will be literally fulfilled; that if Luke 1:31 is accepted, Luke 1:32 must be as literally accepted.

10. The "POSTS" give no ray of hope to Israel, God's "chosen people."

The "PRES" see her national restoration during the Millennium. Lev. 26:40-45; Num. 23:9-24; Deut. 30:1-10; Psa. 14:7; Isa. 1:25-27; 11:10-16; 14:1, 2; 18:7; 27:12, 13; Jer. 3:14-18; 16:14-16; 23:3-8; 31:6-37; 32:37-41; 33:7-26; Ezek. 11:17-20; 20:40-42; 28:25, 26; 34:13, 25, 26; 36:8, 12; Matt. 19:23; 24:31; Acts 36:6, 7; Rom. 11.

Jerusalem will be rebuilt and safely inhabited during the Millennium. Isa. 30:19-21; 32:18; 33:20-22; Jer. 30:18; 31:38-40; 33:16; Zech. 1:16; 2:4-8; 8:3-5; 12:6; 14:11.

11. The "POSTS" great missionary theme is, "Ask of Me, and I shall give THEE the heathen for THINE inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for THY possession." They accept this promise for the church.

The "PRES" give the promise to Christ to whom it was made. If the Church is to rob Christ and Israel of Blessed PROMISES, why not accept also the CURSES upon Israel?

Another master missionary text of the "Posts" is "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." They apply it to this Church Age.

The "Pres" hold that "the rulers of darkness of this age" shall hold until "The Day dawns" and Christ shall catch up His Church into the air. 1 Thess. 4:17.

12. The "POSTS" say, "The world for Christ." The "PRES" say, "Christ for the world." The mission of the church is not to make this present evil age better to live in, but to get men SAVED for a better world hereafter.

This "present age" lieth in the lap of the evil one. 1 John 5:19; 2 Tim. 3:13; Eph. 5:16; Gal. 1:4.

Satan is the god of this age. The Christians are not of this world; they are "pilgrims," "sojourners," "passengers," "strangers," "Hebrews." Ezek. 36:26;

1 John 3:1; 5:11; Col. 3:3; John 17.

13. The "POST" is a human optimist, with eyes shut to the facts.

The "PRE" is a Bible optimist, with eyes open to prophecy, history, conditions, and looking to the Second Coming of Christ as the "Blessed Hope" for the church, for Israel, and for the nations of the earth. Titus 2:13.

What will stem the tide of worldliness in the churches, settle disputes between capital and labor, perfect social and economic conditions but the coming of Christ? Think of the recent awful World War, coming after 2000 years of gospel preaching, human progress, education, and civilization.

Man without God is a failure. Every past dispensation has shown it.

- a. Edenic Age: Adam failed, under Innocence; death passed upon all men.
- b. Antediluvian: Man under Conscience; ended in the judgment of the Flood.
- c. Noahic: Man under Authority; ended in the Tower of Babel.
- d. Mosaic: Man under Law; ended in the crucifixion of Jesus.
- e. Gentile: Man under Grace; will end with Antichrist.
- f. Millennial: Man under the personal rule of Christ, who will bring order out of chaos. Even the Millennial Age will end in rebellion.

Each dispensation begins with God's favor toward man, and ends with man rejecting God. The failure is with MAN, not GOD.

It is asserted that the present rate of increase of converts to Christianity upon foreign fields is less than the natural increase of the heathen and Mohammedan populations of the world. At this rate how long will it take the "Posts" to convert the world?

14. The "POSTS" hold that the Church and State will bring the disarmament of nations, and the reign of peace.

The "PRES" hold that Jesus Christ must bring it in person. Isa. 2:2-4.

- a. The Revelation (Apocalypse) shows the coming of awful judgments for sins, and wars before the Millennium. Rev. 4 to 19.
- b. The "man of sin" revealed. 1 John 2:18; Dan. 7:7-25; Rev. 13:1-10; Matt. 24:15, 16; 2 Thess. 2:1-8.
- c. The greatest wars are yet to come. "Armageddon," and the assault of "Gog and Magog." Isa. 14:29-32; 24:3; Ezek. 38:2-17; Rev. 20:7-10; Joel 2:1-11.

15. The "POSTS" claim that the church will achieve her own glory before the Millennium.

The "PRES" hold that church will share His glory during the Millennium. Matt. 13:43; John 17:22-24; Rom. 8:17; Col. 3:4; Rev. 3:21; 5:10; 20:4-6. The world during the Millennium will

be under the personal administration of Christ, not of the church during His absence.

16. The "POSTS" say this is "man's DAY"—inventions, education, morality, all of which will bring to earth a "perfect day."

The "PRES" acknowledge no righteousness without a CROSS; see the futility of reformation without regeneration; quote "the wisdom of man is foolishness with God"; and claim that we are in the NIGHT, in an age of spiritual darkness.

17. The "POSTS" do not differentiate between a church organization and the Church organism, the true "ecclesia." The "PRES" see a coming apostasy in the professing church organization, but a closer union in the POSSESSING Church organism.

18. The "POSTS" say that leaven in the Bible is a type of righteousness and the spread of the gospel.

The "PRES" show from all Scripture that leaven is a type of evil. Ex. 12:15, 19; 13:7; Lev. 2:11; 6:17; 10:12; Matt. 13:33; 16:6, 11, 12; Mark 8:15; Luke 12:1; 13:21; 1 Cor. 5:6-8; Gal. 5:9.

Instead of Church and gospel dominating nations, politics, and armies at the end of this age, the Antichrist will be in league with nations, politicians, and armies—that if the "Pres" are too "pessimistic" regarding fallen human nature, the "Posts" are too "idealistic" regarding the same. Isa. 2:22; Phil. 3:3.

What of the N. T. prophecies?

"When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

"As in the days of Noah, of Lot, so shall the coming of the Lord be."

"Iniquity shall abound."

"Evil men shall wax worse and worse."

"Perilous times shall come, when men shall be lovers of themselves more than God."

"They shall turn away their ears from the Truth."

Paul portrays the end of "this present evil age" in 2 Tim. 3:1-7, 13; 4:1-8; 1 Tim. 4:1-3.

James gives his picture in Jas. 5:1-8.

Peter says, "Scoffers will ask 'Where is the promise of his coming?'"

John shows condition of present Church Age in his letters to the Seven Churches. Rev. 2 and 3.

19. The "POSTS" hold no "key" to Old Testament prophecy.

The "PRES" give hope to Israel in unconditional promise to Abraham; her national forgiveness (Isa.); restoration to her lands (Ezek.); her reclamation for service (Zech., Joel, Jer.); and a REDEEMED earth from the curse of sin (Rev. 21:1); but not until the LORD COMES IN PRE-MILLENNIAL GLORY.

## Leaves From the Fig Tree

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land." Yes, the "desert shall blossom as the rose." The waste places shall be built up. Palestine will be restored to its rightful place as the seat of theocratic government.

The following "ad" appeared last week in many of our leading daily newspapers. I quote in part: "A strange man in Los Angeles, known as 'The Voice of Two Worlds,' tells of astonishing experiences in far-off and mysterious Tibet. Here he lived among the lamas, mystic priests of the temple. 'In your previous lifetime,' a very old lama told him, 'you lived here, a lama in the temple. You and I were boys together. I lived on, but you died in youth and were reborn in England. I have been expecting your return.'" The "ad" is quite lengthy. It promises to teach us how we can live forever as do the learned mystics of Tibet. Well, if, as Barnum said, "there is a sucker born every minute," hundreds will swallow his drooling balderdash hook, line and sinker. Let men know that there is only one source of life eternal and that is in and through Jesus Christ.

## My Impressions of the 35th Assembly

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and earnest in their endeavor to live up to and practice the whole Bible. May we ever be known as a people whose creed is "the whole Bible rightly divided and the New Testament as our rule of faith and practice."

## Obituaries

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years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God for more than twenty years. — His pastor, J. A. Whitlow, Smithers, W. Va.

## SIMMONS

Little Shelby Jeane Simmons, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Simmons, was born Oct. 28, 1938, and departed this life Sept. 19, 1940; age one year, ten months and nineteen days. — J. A. Whitlow, Smithers, W. Va.

## Steps in the Christian Life

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my duty? and I will do it. 6. The Pharisee from fear, who keeps the Law because he is afraid of a future judgment. 7. The Pharisee from love, who obeys the Lord because he loves Him with all his whole heart. Yet Jesus said, "... That except your righteousness shall exceed (go beyond) the righteousness of the ... Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter the kingdom of heaven," verse 20.

Our righteousness includes not merely moral rectitude, but that righteousness

which is by faith, in contrast with the Pharisaic self-righteousness. The Christian's righteousness is spiritual, a state of mind, and eternal. The Pharisaic is worldly, outward service, and transitory.

Jesus, though fashioned in the likeness of sinful flesh, yet without sin, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom. 8:3, 4.

God received Jesus at His own right hand, which meant that the righteous Father considered the Son righteous. John 16:7-10. The coming down of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost was proof that the risen Savior had been exalted.

The Holy Spirit convicts the world that Christ's righteousness is offered to all and is sufficient for all. He convinces man that he has no righteousness in himself. Human righteousness is as filthy rags. (Isa. 64:6). As soon as the Holy Ghost convicts man of his own unrighteousness, He presents God's righteousness as a gift. Rom. 3:21. God's righteousness IS Jesus Christ. "By faith

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He is made unto us righteousness." 1 Cor. 1:30.

Therefore, righteousness is, first, conforming one's life to God's Law; second, justifying faith in Jesus Christ. This should be strongly desired by the soul, as food by the hungry body. When possessed, believers will be completely satisfied. "They shall be filled."

"Seek ye first . . . his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."—Jesus. "My God shall supply all your needs."—Paul.

A business man in New York City set himself apart to pray for a revival. For ten days he did not go near his place of business. People said he was a fanatic. Others said, "He'll go into bankruptcy." After the ten days of prayer, he returned to his place of business and asked the manager, "How's business?" "Business has never been any better than it has in the last ten days," replied the manager. "I deposited twenty thousand dollars this week," he continued. "Twenty thousand

dollars!" exclaimed the proprietor. "How is that?" he asked. "Oh, the man down in Missouri sent you a check for fifteen thousand dollars he has owed you for the past twenty years, that you never expected to receive," answered the manager.

"Praise the Lord, I have been attending to the Lord's business, and He has been attending to mine," said the owner.

Praying, hungering and thirsting after God's righteousness and His cause will pay big dividends and always bring a reward.

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## The Evangelizing Power of Divine Healing

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from his body did the same.

*All the diseases in the world are upon Calvary.* Matt. 8:17; Isa. 53:4. If we can get the 125,000 blind persons in America, the three million lepers in India, China and Japan, etc., to put them there, it will result in hundreds of millions believing that He who has power to say "Arise, take up thy bed and walk" has power to forgive sins also.

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# Man's Last Opportunity

BY JAMES W. MOORE

Luke 18:37, "And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

At this time Jesus had taken unto Himself His twelve and said unto them, "Behold we go up to Jerusalem and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished." Now, no doubt, Jesus had been over this road a number of times before, but this was His last trip up through Jericho and on to Jerusalem and as He came nigh unto Jericho a blind man sat by the wayside begging. He heard the great crowd passing by and asked someone what it all meant. They told him that Jesus the Son of God was passing by. Then he began to cry out, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." Some of those hypocrites of that day rebuked him. Had he listened to them he would never have been healed because that was Jesus' last trip up that road, but



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he cried out so much the more until Jesus heard him.

Brother, Jesus may be going up the little road by your house today. If He is, let Him in. Oh, how glad I was when they told me that Jesus was passing by and that He would save a boy like me.

Jesus went on through Jericho and there was a little man out at the edge of the city named Zacchaeus. Someone had told him that Jesus of Nazareth was going to pass by his place that day, so he sought to see Jesus who He was. He climbed up into a sycamore tree. He meant to see Jesus and look Him over and see who He was. When Jesus drew near He looked up and said, "Make haste and come down for I must abide at thy house." Now the thought is, man's last opportunity. If Zacchaeus had been stubborn and stayed up in the tree he would have never had the opportunity of letting Jesus come into his home for this

was the last trip. All things must be accomplished concerning the Son of man.

Those two men received the Lord. Solomon said he that being often reproved hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy. God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." We had better give Him our lives while He is passing by.

Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

## Editorials

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holding to the last Thursday in November, or the 28th. It may be noted that

the Thanksgiving number of the Church of God Evangel will be the 28th, not just to be different, to be sure, nor to be contrary to the presidential proclamation, but because Tennessee, the state in which this paper is published, happens to be one of the sixteen which, in accordance with the proclamation of the Governor of Tennessee, is observing November 28. Be it known, however, that whatever day we observe is not observed unless we are truly thankful to God and keep the day in the spirit which was intended when it was first set apart.

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# A Soul-Winning Church

BEN L. SMITH

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8.*

Every church ought to be a soul-winning church. That is the great purpose for which the Church was founded. If she should fail in this, no matter what else she may do, she would have failed in the very thing for which she exists.

The reason we have individual churches that are not soul-winning churches is the fact that the individual members are not soul-winning Christians.

I am persuaded that we need to urge the Christians to work for souls as never before; it seems that the Church dispensation is fast coming to a close.

## WHAT IS THE PROGRAM FOR SOUL-WINNING?

### 1. The Person

The early soul-winners were just plain, ordinary people; they were not of the highly-educated class with certain qualifications that we seem to have to have today. No, but praise God, they had the essential qualifications to be successful soul-winners. They knew Jesus Christ. That is the first and most important thing. Then they lived lives in keeping with that knowledge. One cannot be a soul-winner unless his life measures up to his confession. The spotless lives of God's children will draw unbelievers to Christ when all the colleges of the universe fail. Praise our God forever.

### 2. The Place

There is one good place to start your work of evangelism. It is where the early disciples started. Start right where you are. It isn't necessary to go to another town, start in the home, in your Sunday School class, around your work wherever you find one that is unsaved. There is always a job for those that wish to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

### 3. THE POWER

The person: It is you. The place: It starts right where you are. The power: That is beyond human strength. It is the Holy Ghost. Without power the great locomotives won't run; without power the planes won't fly, without power the cars won't run, without power the great ships won't sail, without power we are hopeless and helpless toward winning souls for God. We need to tarry for an old time baptism of the walking, talking, moving Holy Ghost and fire, then we can say we are qualified laborers with the "go ye" in our souls that will not let us

stop until we have brought the lost to Him that is able to save.

Friends, let's be up and about our Father's business for we have but a few

more days to work, then we will make our departure to be with Him who died that we might live. Will we go, taking sheaves with us?

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